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“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” Award-Winning Broadway Play Takes Stage at Cal Poly Beginning Nov. 15

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Theatre and Dance Department presents five performances of the Tony Award winning production “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” beginning Nov. 15, in the Spanos Theater on campus.

Evening performances will be held from Wednesday, Nov. 15 to Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. A matinee is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. General admission is \$12. Students and senior citizens are \$10. To purchase tickets call 756-2787.

Originally written as a novel by Ken Kesey, the story was adapted into a stage play by Dale Wasserman and was produced on Broadway in 1963 with Kirk Douglas playing the lead role. Wasserman revised the play from three to two acts and reduced the size of the cast; this version ran for over 1,000 productions in 1971. The play returned to Broadway in 2001, and it won the Tony Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Revival of a Play. The film version, starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher, won five Oscars: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Director, and Writing.

In “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” a fiesty and charming rogue, McMurphy, pretends to be psychologically disturbed in order to be transferred from a prison work farm to a mental institution. He quickly bonds with the patients and immediately comes to loggerheads with the charge nurse, Miss Ratched. Their battle of wills is filled with comic turns and unexpected counterattacks.

McMurphy is played by Byron Anthony; Nurse Ratched is performed by Tanner Agron. The large cast is directed by Dr. Al Schnupp. Tim Dugan, Chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, is Scenic and Lighting Designer.

For more information call the Theater and Dance Department at 805-756-1465 or visit the Performing Arts Center Web site at www.pacslo.org.

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